

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner objected to Claims 1-38 for minor informalities, but would allow Claims 1-38 if rewritten in a manner that overcomes the informalities. The Examiner also objected to the Drawings and the Specification.

Regarding the Drawings, the Examiner alleged that FIGs. 1 and 2 should be labeled "Prior Art". In response, FIGs. 1 and 2 have been so labeled in the enclosed replacement drawings for FIGs. 1 and 2. In addition, regarding FIGs. 2-8, it was noticed that "MS" is used in these figures in the upper left reference box; however, the description and claims use the term "UE". For purposes of clarity and consistency, Applicants have amended FIGs. 2-8 by substituting "UE" for "MS" in the upper left box in each figure. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the objection to the Specification, the Examiner alleged that an Abstract is not provided on a separate sheet in the application. Applicants respectfully disagree, because an Abstract was filed on page 31 of the Specification, separate and apart from any other sections therein. In fact, the Abstract clearly appears on the cover of the publication of this application, i.e., U.S. Publication No. 2006/0140159 A1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this portion of the objection.

The Examiner further alleged that the Specification runs afoul of 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(iii) by failing to include a reference to the priority application. Applicants have therefore amended the Specification by inserting a Priority section, as shown herein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the Specification.

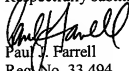
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As shown herein, Applicants have amended the claims in a detailed fashion, to more clearly recite the subject matter therein and to overcome the minor informalities identified by the Examiner. It is respectfully asserted that the claims are now formal, and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to the claims is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 10, 18 and 26 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability *per se* of dependent Claims 2-9, 11-17, 19-25 and 27-38, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective independent claims. Accordingly, allowance of dependent Claims 2-9, 11-17, 19-25 and 27-38 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-38, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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